

SATURDAY MORNING SEP. 6, 1851.

Ocean House, Newport, Sept. 2.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE HOME JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN:—Your editorial paper

upon Newport has been extensively read

and admired at this house. I assert to

the truth of all it expresses so elegantly

and eloquently in regard to the great

and growing advantages that this island

possesses over every other watering-

place in the country. It is because I

think so highly of its permanent excel-

lencies, and am so well convinced of its

essential superiority to all that we have

elsewhere known, that I desire to di-

rect attention to those things that are

still wanting to bring Newport up to the

level of the best and best-arranged re-

sorts in the world. None of the springs

or baths of this country have ever yet

been established upon the most satisfac-

tory footing that such things are capa-

ble of because the brief-lived and fleet-

ing popularity that any one might ac-

quire was insufficient to justify that out-

lay of expenditure which would be ne-

cessary for the purpose. Until the sum-

mer has almost arrived, it is impossi-

ble to tell in which direction the swallow-

flight of the season's fashion will be set-

ting in each year. On how many shores

have lately hotels been erected, on the

strength of a presumed continuance of

favour, which, when completed, have

been occupied by no other guests than

solitude and gloom. Newport, howev-

er, can now scarcely fail to become a

Cheltenham, Brighton, or Baden-Baden,

in its continuing attractions for the best

people of our country; and it is time

that provisions and regulations, adapted

to a place of such rank, should be made.

The great number of permanent sum-

mer residents already established in

Newport in cottages, is enough to se-

cure a perpetual patronage of the high-

est kind for the place. I am informed

that sixteen new cottages have been

erected in the last year, and that still

more will be built the next season.—

Among the constant visitors to New-

port, and the proprietors of cottages in

its neighbourhood, may be mentioned

the families of Mr. David Sears, of Bos-

ton; Mr. C. De Rham, of New York;

Mr. Edward King, Mr. George Jones,

Mr. General Harper, Mr. General

Russis, Mr. Richard C. Derby, Col. Hare

Dwight, Mr. Robert Ives, the Middletons,

Prockneys, &c., &c.

At the same time the hotels, which

are of great capacity, are regularly fill-

ed, and with a class of people from our

principal cities not usually met in public

houses elsewhere.

Newport undoubtedly possesses, at

this time, abundant materials for the

highest social enjoyments; but they

need being drawn forth and properly

organized. What is wanting in the first

place for the full development and effect

of the resources of the society which is

here assembled, is the construction of a

large public establishment, detached

from all the hotels, and free to the visits

of the whole community of inhabitants

and lodgers, and combining in and

around itself everything that can be re-

quired for comfort and refinement. It

should contain ball-rooms and concert-

rooms; a fine reading-room, well sup-

plied with books and papers; a smoking-

room; billiard-room and bowling-room;

a refreshment-room, where coffee, Sara-

that you may meet in an agreeable way

persons with whom you may not be up-

on visiting terms. There ought, there-

fore, to be some spot where every one

in y assembly—where you may find out

who is in town, and may converse with-

out the trouble and inconvenience that

might attend a formal call upon such

people. Nothing of that nature now ex-

ists here. The persons in cottages are

more destitute of intercourse with the

hotels, and are more detached from com-

munication with such of their friends

there as might desire to see them, than

is desirable to the parties. The benefit

of having the balls under a special and

separate roof, would be not only that ev-

ery one would feel equal and entire free-

dom in going to them, but the hotels

would be saved from the weekly or bi-

weekly tumults that now disturb with

midnight noises those quiet souls who

desire to repose their wearied virtue at

a reasonable hour of the evening. I

must protest, moreover, against the

practice sometimes prevailing of con-

verting the dining-room into a ball-room,

to the dissatisfaction of every sense and

every sentiment. Perhaps the best

model of an establishment such as I

have supposed, would be found in the

Kursaal at Wiesbaden, omitting, of

course, its *rouge-et-noir* and *roulette*

rooms, which are, with smoking and

beer-bibing, the abomination of Ger-

many.

Another very important aid to social

comfort and security at Newport, would

be the appointment of a master of cere-

monies, such as is always found at Eng-

lish springs. The business of such an

officer should be to enforce all the so-

cial proprieties; to prevent on the part

of all persons whatsoever, every act or

habit which interferes with the general

interest, or offends publicly against

good taste; to promote, by the adminis-

tration of proper rules, the ease, conven-

ience, and agreeableness of the compa-

ny; to introduce to proper persons such

strangers as authenticate themselves

satisfactorily to him; and, in general,

“to take care that the republic of social

life receives no injury.” Any of our cit-

izens would furnish one or more persons

perfectly qualified for this post; men

who have passed all their lives in soci-

ety, who know everybody; and to whom

bienveillance is in lieu of fortune, sense, and

family consequence. A manager of

this kind, aided by a judicious system

of laws, devised by the concurrent ex-

perience of the principal gentlemen fre-

quentering the scene, and armed with

absolute power, would do more to cor-

rect the besetting evils of our watering-

place society, and to raise and rational-

ize the tone of intercourse, than could

be accomplished by any other method.

The misfortune of society among us, is

in the extravagant and unregulated

power exerted by half-endowed, and

less than half-accomplished chits, under

the title of *belles*. Unformed girls, with

pretty faces and a suggestion of fortune,

or sense, set up their rival thrones in the

different drawing-rooms, and disturb the

order and decorum of life.

We know of no other way in which

such an arrangement as is here con-

templated could be established upon the

requisite scale, and with the necessary

predominance, than by the action of the

municipal authorities of Newport. The

regulations at English and German wa-

terring-places are always matters of legal

force, emanating from the general or

local government, and that seems to be

essential to their being respected and

Watson, anxious to proceed to the Sa-

loon of the Ocean House, and enforce

the rules of etiquette for the govern-

ment of society there. *O tempora, O mores!*

What a sight it would be, and what an

additional and attractive feature it

would be in the phase of fashionable

life at Newport during the watering se-

ason. We should really like to see the

Police of Newport in white kid gloves,

silk stockings, pumps, white vests, white

pocket handkerchiefs, sweetly perfumed

with Jockey Club, West End, &c. &c.

Who will take the contract to supply

the Town Council with these delicious

perfumes, for the use of the Police?

We are indebted to the Hon.

John H. Clarke for a bound volume of

the Congressional Globe and Appen-

dix, for the Second session of the 31st

Congress.

Mr. Scher's third Lecture will

be delivered to-day, at half past 12 o'

clock, at the Unitarian Church, in Mill

street.

OXYGENATED BITTERS.—This pleas-

ant and highly efficacious medicine has

been fairly tested by our citizens, who

do not hesitate to pronounce it super-

ior to all other tonics for any weakness

of the digestive system.

DEATH OF JUDGE WOODBURY.—The

Hon. Levi Woodbury, one of the Asso-

ciate Justices of the U. S. Supreme

Court, died at his residence in Port-

smouth yesterday afternoon, after a few

days' sickness. Judge Woodbury has

filled many high offices of honor and

trust in the country, and at the time of

his death was one of the prominent can-

didates of the Democratic party for

President. He for many years filled

the station of the Secretary of the Navy,

under Gen. Jackson's administration,

was Secretary of the Treasury under

that of Van Buren. He was a Senator

in the Congress of the United States

from New Hampshire, and at different

periods held important public stations in

that his native State. He was 61 years

of age.—*Boston Atlas*.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PICTURE ORATOR.

New Orleans, September 2.

We have received the following ac-

count of the battle in which Gen. Enna

was mortally wounded, from our cor-

respondent at Havana.

The battle was fought on the coffee

plantations formerly owned by Gen.

Lopez's wife.

The Spanish troops were drawn up in

two columns, and at first refused to ad-

vance upon the patriots, who fired the

fences in the vicinity.

Gen. Enna there took thirty Can-

zadors and charged upon the patriots

who succeeded in killing every one of

their assailants, with the exception of

an aide-de-camp. In the charge, Gen-

eral Enna was mortally wounded.

After the fall of Gen. Enna, Gen. Ro-

sales collected together five hundred of

the Spanish troops and fled, leaving

seventy wounded upon the field of ac-

tion.

Gen. Rosales was to be succeeded

for cowardice, by General Pavia of Ma-

tanzas.

A letter dated August 19th from Pu-

erto Principe says that the insurgents

were successful in the Eastern Depart-

ment.

The Government have abolished the

Central depot.

At the latest accounts Lopez was

near Quannay.

[It will be observed that the Pica-

yune throws the entire responsibility of

MARRIED.

At Pittsburgh, Penn., on the 18th of June last,

by Rev. Mr. Paxson, Benjamin C. Adams, Card,

Esq., of this town, and Miss Sarah Simpson, of

Pittsburgh.

We congratulate the couple on a joyous

days and the fruit of their union, and, upon

his marriage; may he enjoy a useful life of

many years, his pathway be strewn with many

flowers, and the cup of affliction be kept

from his lips.

DIED.

In this town, on Thursday evening, Capt.

James Barker, in the 72d year of his age.

Funeral this afternoon, from the residence of

Mr. Albert G. White, in Bull street, which re-

lative and friends are invited to attend.

In this town, on the 4th, Harriet Willis, third

daughter of Captain Willis, married, aged 11

years and 10 months.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the

funeral at the residence of her mother, at the cor-

ner of Spruce street, at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

At Portsmouth, N. H., on the 4th, Hon. Levi

Woodbury, one of the Justices of the Supreme

Court of the United States, aged 61 years.

At the residence of her son, in Syracuse, N. Y.,

on the 1st, Mrs. Maria Albire VanZandt, relict

of the late Wynant VanZandt, Esq., of New

York, and mother of Edward VanZandt, Esq., of

Madison, R. I., aged 85 years.

In this town, on the 27th ult., Henry Holt

Hazard, son of George M. Hazard, aged two and

a half years.

Thou wast a precious lad,

Lent unto us, not given;

And he who followed thy fair form,

Transplanted thee to heaven.

There, lad of promise, thou

Shalt bloom a lovely flower;

Where death's rude blasts no more can reach,

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